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REVIEW CONFERENCE

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1. SUMMARY. THIRD DAY OF PREPCOM MEETING MADE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS, APPROVING AGENDA FOR TREATY REVCON AND WORKING THROUGH MOST OTHER RULES OF PROCEDURE ON THIRD READING, EXCEPT FOR DETAILS OF COMPOSITION OF GENERAL AND DRAFTING COMMITTEES. INFORMAL SUGGESTIONS CIRCULATED BY USDEL DURING AND AFTER SESSIONS HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY RESOLVED EVEN THESE ISSUES. CONFERENCE COST-SHARING IS MAJOR OPEN ISSUE, AS REPORTED REFTEL. CANDIDACIES OF FINLAND (PASTINEN) AND POLAND (WYZNER) ARE BEING ADVOCATED BY UK AND USSR REPS, WITH UNNAMED SWISS DARK HORSE INTRODUCED BY YUGOSLAVE REP. END SUMMARY.

2. FEB 9 MORNING SESSION ACHIEVED AGREEMENT ON  
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TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE AGENDA, SUBSTNATIALLY ALONG LINES DRAFT CONTAINED US POSITION PAPER, DESPITE TENACIOUS AND REPEATED EFFORTS BY ROMANIAN REP TO REVISE AGENDA TO INTRODUCE LAW OF THE SEA ISSUES INTO SEABED ARMS CONTROL TREATY REVIEW. SKILLFUL GUIDANCE BY PREPCOM CHAIRMAN WYZNER, TOGETHER WITH HELPFUL OPPOSING ANALYSIS BY VARIOUS DELEGATIONS

AND GRACEFUL SWEDISH COMPROMISE LANGUAGE, ENABLED  
SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION DESPITE ROMANIAN OBDURACY. AGREED  
AGNEDA WILL BE PROVIDED SEPARATELY.

3. IN AFTERNOON SESSION, CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS WAS MADE  
BY PREPCOM ON THIRD READING BY RULES OF PROCEDURE. WITH  
ALL DELEGATIONS SPEAKING TO ISSUES, EXCEPT ROMANIA,  
AGREEMENT REACHED ON CONFERENCE STRUCTURE WHICH WOULD  
HAVE PLENARY, GENERAL, DRAFTING AND CREDENTIALS COM  
MITTEES, AND WORKING GROUPS AS NECESSARY. ROMANIAN DEL  
REPEATEDLY SOUGHT TO INTRODUCE LANGUAGE BY WHICH SOMETHING  
RESEMBLING A MAIN COMMITTEE COULD BE CREATED UNDER TITLE  
"OTHER APPROPRIATE BODIES". USREP, SUPPORTED BY OTHER  
DELS INCLUDING USSR, FIRMLY OPPOSED ROMANIAN EFFORTS AND  
ROMANIAN REP FINALLY AGREED ON COMPROMISE BY WHICH IT  
WOULD BE UNDERSTOOD THAT CONFERENCE COULD SET UP APPRO-  
PRIATE BODIES OR WORKING GROUPS, WHEN NECESSARY TO FULFILL  
SPECIFIC TASKS.

4. IN INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS DURING MEETING, AND IN  
RECESS PERIODS, USDEL DISCUSSED WITH AND SECURED INFORMAL  
AGREEMENT FROM MAJOR WESTERN REPS AND USSR DELEGATION  
ON APPROPRIATE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION AND POSSIBLE  
NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF GENERAL AND DRAFTING COMMITTEES,  
THUS REDUCING SUBSTANTIALLY NUMBER OF VICE-PRESIDENTS  
AND ENABLING REASONABLE BALANCE. YUGOSLAV REP, SPEAKING  
FOR UNCLEAR NUMBER OF NON-ALIGNED DELEGATIONS, WAS  
SUBSTANTIALLY IN AGREEMENT AND, AFTER SOME DISCUSSION  
WITH USREP IN EVENING MEETING, AGREED HE WOULD SEEK  
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CONCURRENCE FROM DELEGATIONS WITH WHOM HE HAD BEEN  
CONSULTING. FORMULA WOULD BE CONFERENCE PRESIDENT,  
THREE WESTERN EUROPEAN PLUS TWO DEPOSITARIES, THREE  
EASTERN EUROPEAN PLUS ONE DEPOSITORY, FOR AFRICAN,  
FOUR ASIAN AND ONE LATIN AMERICAN, FOR TOTAL OF 19.

5. AT EVENING RECEPTION AT UK RESIDENCE, UKREP WAS  
CONCERNED THAT THERE BE ADEQUATE SUPPORT FOR FINNISH  
AMB PASTINEN AS CONFERENCE PRESIDENT, IN LIGHT OF FACT  
USSR REP WAS INFORMALLY URGING POLISH AMB WYZNER,  
PREPCOM CHAIRMAN, AS CONFERENCE PRESIDENT. ON OTHER  
HAND, CANADIAN REP, SPEAKING WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS, SAID  
HE THOUGHT THERE WOULD BE ADVANTAGES IN HAVING EASTERN  
EUROPEAN AS OBJECTIVE AND PROFESSIONAL AS WYZNER AS THE  
TREATY REVCON CHAIRMAN, SINCE THIS WOULD PROVIDE GOOD  
ARGUMENT IN NEXT INSTANCE OF CHOOSING IMPORTANT  
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TO SEEK SUPPORT FOR REPRESENTATIVE  
OF WESTERN AND INDUSTRIALIZED CHOICE. USREP SAID  
WE THOUGHT WYZNER WAS VERY ABLE AS

PROVED BY HIS CHAIRMANSHIP OF PREPCOM, REASONABLY  
OBJECTIVE; THA WE HOPED IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO  
ARRIVE INFORMALLY AT AGREEMENT ON REVCON CHAIRMAN,  
WITHOUT UNDUE PRESSURE ON BEHALF OF ANY PARTICULAR  
CANDIDATE; BUT THAT IN EVENT OF STRONG CONTEST, THERE  
WERE BENEFITS IN HAVING A NEUTRAL AS CHAIRMAN. DURING  
THIS RECEPTION, YUGOSLAV REP INDICATED THAT UNNAMED  
SWISS MIGHT ALSO BE CANDIDATE FOR CHAIRMANSHIP. CATTO

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